GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW AND JUSTICE
LOK SABHA

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FAST TRACK COURTS
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Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether problems are being faced in timely disposal of cases in the absence of adequate number of Fast Track Courts and also due to a large number of vacancies in the such courts;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government proposes to increase the number of Fast Track Courts in the Country;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the time by which the vacancies in these courts are likely to be filled?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW & JUSTICE (SHRI K.VENKATAPATHY)

(a)&(b) In the Conference of Chief Ministers and Chief Justices held on 8th April 2007, the States acknowledged the acute shortage of subordinate judges and the need to increase their number adequately so as to enable them to reduce backlog and provide an efficient, speedy and effective justice delivery system. The States also stressed on the need to fill-up the existing vacancies in subordinate courts as well as High Courts at an early date and felt that the arrears could come down substantially if all the existing vacancies were filled on urgent basis.

(c) It is the primary responsibility of the State Governments to establish these courts in consultation with the concerned High Courts. There is no proposal, at present, with the Government of India to increase the number of Fast Track Courts in the Country.

(d) Does not arise.

(e) It is the primary responsibility of State Governments to fill up the vacancies of these courts in consultation with the concerned High Courts.